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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Valarie Bertoglio	1632	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Valarie Bertoglio. (3) Mina Alikani.
 (2) Peter Paras. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 19 August 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: Interview was conducted using the list of issues to be discussed on the Applicant Initiated Interview Form prepared by the applicant.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-13.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nagy et al PNAS, 1993, Vol. 90, pages 8424-8428; Luo et al. Nature, 1997, Vol. 388, pages 778-782; Thomson et al., Science, 1998, Col. 282, pages 1145-1147.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attached is a list of issues discussed as faxed by applicant. Each issue was discussed in detail. For all issues, Applicant was made aware to be mindful of introducing new matter in her response. In addressing the rejection under 35 USC 101, Applicant agreed to supply evidence that the claimed composite blastocysts are non-viable and make the appropriate claim amendments to overcome the rejection. With respect to the rejections under 35 USC 102b, it was explained to applicant that claims are interpreted in the broadest sense without regard to the teachings of the specification. In light of this, applicant now understands how the art of record teaches the invention as claimed. It was also explained that the stem cells of claims 7 and 8 are taught by Thomson as the process by which the stem cells are derived carries little patentable weight and that the claimed stem cells appear not to differ from those of Thomson. Applicant agreed to send black and white photographs. In reference to adding claims involving nuclear transplantation, applicant was advised that this can be done, however, special attention must be given not to introduce new matter and that any changes should be accompanied by a citation of page and line number where support can be found in the specification.